

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 90

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Larry and Wilma Johnson of Hendersonville on the celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in paying tribute to those successful marriages that have stood the test of time to serve as exemplars for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, on February 14, 1959, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Johnson of Hendersonville were joined in holy matrimony, and since that fateful day, this outstanding couple has faced the world as one, basking in the glow of their love for each other during both life's joys and sorrows; and

WHEREAS, the couple met at the First Baptist Church of Hendersonville, when Wilma's mother set her up on a date with Larry Johnson, and the two spent their first date talking as they watched airplanes at Berry Field (now the Nashville airport); and

WHEREAS, though neither was looking for marriage at the time, Larry Johnson asked Mrs. Johnson to marry him on their second date, and she accepted; and

WHEREAS, after their Valentine's Day wedding in 1959, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson rented a small apartment on Walnut Drive in Hendersonville, where they spent a good deal of their time on the lake water skiing and boating; and

WHEREAS, throughout their fifty years of married life, Larry and Wilma Johnson have shared a variety of hobbies, including boating, racing sports cars, riding motorcycles and dirt bikes, and four wheeling; and

WHEREAS, the couple still drives a sports car and enjoys taking their friends for rides on their boat and dining at the local marina; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are highly respected citizens of Tennessee, and they are the very epitome of good neighbors, as they always endeavor to treat others as they would like to be treated; and

WHEREAS, for fifty years this blessed union has grown and prospered as an expression of time-honored values, communication, respect, and selfless love; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson celebrated their blissful anniversary with friends at the Central Baptist Church; the occasion was also commemorated with flowers and champagne at the Hendersonville Rotary Club meeting; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as the Johnsons' are truly the rock-solid foundation upon which our society is built and a beacon of sanity and continuity in these turbulent times; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Larry and Wilma Johnson on the celebration of their fiftieth year of marriage and extend to them our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.